



**General Virtual Meeting  
November 12, 2020  
Approved Minutes**

**Welcome:** Sarah Johnson, Co-President

**Call to Order:** 7:01 with 19 people in virtual attendance

**Approval of Minutes:** September 10, 2020 minutes approved

**Officer Reports:**

**Secretary, Cindy Donovan:**

There was no new correspondence to address.

**Vice President, Maureen McBeth:**

Maureen would like all Tiger Paws members to send her info on all the cool stuff their children are doing in activities and sports as we love to celebrate this in the newsletter.

**Co-President, Melanie Bottom:**

The mother/son brunch has co-chairs: Neelam Rozanski and Elizabeth Sekera. They have been brought up to speed on the event, but significant changes will need to be made due to COVID.

**Treasurer, Misty Gniadek:**

We reviewed the budget as of October 31, 2020. We are slightly above the estimated budget for sponsorship. We do not expect any more sponsors for fall. Membership is up slightly as well. We have not sold sports passes to date. We switched to Directory Spot as the new directory which will be a line item on the budget. Tiger wear winter sale just went live. On the expense side, we provided some funding for the fall standardized test snacks and the freshman masks. It is a very quiet year, but the numbers look good.

## **Principal's Report, Scott McDermott:**

Scott wished everyone a good evening. It is a difficult time. Scott ran down a highlight of board meeting:

- It was recommended to begin an adaptive pause on all in person schooling starting on November 16<sup>th</sup>.
- This status will be reviewed at the next board meeting on December 9th.

On a different note, we had state team qualifications in both our girls' and boys' cross-country programs. They were both celebrated this past week. In addition, we also had three tennis players qualify for state tournament. We will be celebrating them soon as well. We had two division one signees: one in cross country and one in volleyball. They were celebrated yesterday.

Speech team began last weekend. There are seven acting and interpretation events and seven public speaking events. It is a new shift to a virtual world. The first tournament had twelve medalists. There are three tournaments this weekend. The benefit of this virtual time is a student can participate in more than one tournament at a time.

We are currently working with music program trying to figure out what kind of holiday celebrations we can deliver.

This weekend is the musical "It's a Wonderful Life" radio show. This will be live streamed. This is another example of our adults working and learning new skills to share with the students to put on meaningful performances.

Operation Elevate will helping restock the Peoples Resource Center. We will be collecting donations over the next week. They are seeing more need than they have before. The delivery of the collections will be made the Tuesday before Thanksgiving.

As far as the staff goes, they are happy to have a day to pause and reflect before making the shift again. He hopes people appreciate how difficult it is to make an instructional shift. The staff is learning new skills and doing what they can to make sure what they are delivering to the students is as beneficial, effective and forward moving as possible.

## **Standing Committees:**

### **Landscaping/Beautification, Una Betti:**

At the end of month, she will swap out fall planters for holiday planters. She will take down the banners and will put those back up in the spring when we have football. Also, Chris from Star Landscaping finished all the bricks and she sent him a thank you note from the group. His landscaping company will be mentioned in the newsletter.

### **Membership, Cindy Donovan for Ellen Cassin:**

As of November 7, 2020, we have 304 members. One year ago, on November 7, 2019, we had 408 members. The decrease in membership is due to Covid-19. Being only 100 members less during a pandemic shows the strong support PAWS has from our parents. Thank you!

### **PTA Delegate, Jen Banowetz:**

The Food Insecurity Fund will be transferred into The Central Needs Fund for Students and Families in Crisis. This will be a great tool in place for the district from pandemic and beyond. That is why they made the name change as they did not want to just focus on food when there are other things that families need.

They are looking for more people to sponsor mobile food pantries. If we are interested in sponsoring (or co-sponsoring) one, they are \$1700 and feed 250 families for a week. We may want to consider this in the future. It was clarified that the mobile pantry would be available to all families in the district not just South.

### **Seasonal Activity Programs (Fall), Aimee Olsen:**

We will be taking pictures on December 1<sup>st</sup> for the winter activities (cheerleading, dance, co-op men's swimming and co-op gymnastics). We are still waiting to hear on basketball from the IHSA. Mike Healy advised we decided to have open gyms for boys and girls basketball for the first few days. The IHSA hopes that when the governor, the health department and some superintendents meet on Thursday they can come up with some guidelines, not just for basketball, but for everything moving forward. If we do continue to play, we will take pictures.

### **Directory, Chris Preede:**

We launched the online directory, Directory Spot about a month ago. Everybody who has joined PAWS as of Monday of this week has been added. About 75% of the members have already accessed the directory and have been using it. Some people might have had their emails get lost in junk mail and Chris is trying to figure

out how to reach these people. She will update the blurb in the newsletter next week to indicate some information there. It was asked if the directory will automatically update when a change is made, and Chris confirmed it does not. It is a batch upload. She hopes to get a quarterly upload of new students and address and phone number changes. People need to update the district first and then let her know and she can update manually as necessary.

### **Tiger Merchandise, Dawnelle Muff:**

Spirit wear is now open through the 18<sup>th</sup>. We have six new items that are out there for the holiday season. All items should arrive before Christmas. We will see how we do regarding sales after it closes.

### **Unfinished Business:** None

### **New Business:**

Janet Mathis, Allocations committee chair, went over the recommended allocations:

- \$870 for Chess team for uniforms
- \$1210 for the skills program for tables, chairs, etc.
- \$2400 for seat licenses for the leadership program for the deans and principal's advisories.

This is a total of \$4480.24. It was asked if the activities/programs will still happen since we are remote learning. Scott advised yes, they will. Chess will be virtual. Some students will be attending school and that need is still there. The leadership program will take place in person or virtual and will span over the course of two or three years.

Janet moved to approve the fall allocation recommendations. Sue Zubek seconded the motion. The vote was taken via the chat feature using "yes" or "no". The vote just required majority approval. The motion was approved.

Proposed changes to standing rules as summarized by Sarah:

Sports passes are not being sold right now. We sell them on behalf of the district. Tiger PAWS retains about 10%--most of the money goes back to the district. When we originally started selling sports passes, they would be paid for by cash or check. There has been some confusion over who paid for the costs incurred with the mailing, the printing of the passes and, in recent years, the credit card fees. This spring Sarah confirmed the district will pay for the mailing cost, the printing cost and the credit card transaction fees. We would like to amend the Standing Rules to reflect this.

The other update which needs to occur is with the school directory. As we are using Directory Spot this year, we cannot do the same formatting with the digital directory as we did with the printed directory. There is no area on the app for the daily school schedule, but it can be found on the school website and in the student planners. In the printed directory, there was a place that listed the Tiger PAWS officers and committee chairs which now can be found on the PAWS website. The school telephone numbers can be found on the school website. There is a space on the app to include the sponsor logos and websites.

Sarah moved to adopt the revisions to the standing rules as presented. Misty seconded the motion. The vote was taken via the chat feature using "yes" or "no". The vote required a 2/3 majority approval. There was unanimous approval and changes have been adopted.

Scott inquired as to how invoices are processed for allocations. Janet will reach out first giving the heads up their funding was approved. The request can then be made to Misty for funding. Sarah advised we in most cases we usually prefer to purchase direct and make those purchases for the person making the request.

No further new business.

**Adjournment of meeting: 7:41**